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B. CAIRO 1763

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Robert Ford for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶11. (S) Strengthening Iraq's relations with key Arab neighbors continues to be a high USG priority and the return of an Egyptian Ambassador here would provide significant momentum to this effort. Please convey to the GOS that Embassy Baghdad welcomes this important step and stands ready to provide whatever assistance we can to facilitate Egyptian planning and preparations. We understand from ref b that the Egyptian security team may arrive in Iraq as early as August ¶11. Should the Egyptians seek a POC, please provide them with the name of Deputy Political Counselor Steve Walker.

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